REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application after this Amendment. Claims 1 and 22 are independent. In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-6, 9-10, 22, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Brennan et al.* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0077829); rejected claims 2 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Brennan et al.* in view of *Freeman et al.* (USP 6,828,992); rejected claims 3 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Brennan et al.* in view of *Manolis et al.* (USP 6,583,799); rejected claims 11-12, 15-16, and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Brennan et al.* in view of *Eleftherladis et al.* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0024539); rejected claims 13 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Brennan et al.* in view of *Eleftherladis et al.* and further in view of *Freeman et al.*; rejected claims 14 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Brennan et al.* in view of *Eleftherladis et al.* and further in view of *Manolis et al.*; and rejected claims 21, 23, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Brennan et al.* in view of *Eleftherladis et al.* and further in view of *Humpleman et al.* (USP 6,182,094). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

In support of the Examiner's rejection of claim 1, the Examiner asserts that *Brennan et al.* discloses all of the claim elements. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that *Brennan et al.* discloses a server on the network that possesses button information which is data on menu buttons operating in connection with a client application introduced into a client computer, citing to [0033], lines 6-11. The Examiner further asserts that *Brennan et al.* discloses the client application comprising a program which causes the client computer to provide a function of communication with the server to obtain the button information from the server, citing to [0035],

lines 1-10. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's characterization of this reference.

The disclosure of *Brennan et al.* is directed to a speech based status and control user interface customizable by the user. A user may customize a summary that is played upon successful access to the system. *Brennan et al.* discloses in [0033] as follows:

> A user desiring to use the graphical configuration component of the invention would do so in accordance with the steps illustrated in FIG. 2. Similar to the situation in prior art systems, the user accesses the configuration system in step 210 and undergoes an authentication procedure in step 220. However, in step 230, the user is able to select a profile to customize. This profile will be selected from a database that is part of the application system. ... Although the application system may provide any number of possible system applications, for the purposes of this example, a voice mail application will be considered. In step 240, the user performs all actual customization steps, including defining the elements to be included in the summary and those to be included in the menus. This step will be described in further detail with respect to FIG. 4B. In step 250, the user saves the profile into the system. Finally, in step 260, the system validates the profile and provides the customized profile, upon subsequent user accesses to the system, to the run-time embodiment of the present invention.

In contrast, the present invention as set forth in claim 1 provides for a client/server system wherein a server on the network possesses button information which is data on menu buttons operating in connection with a client application introduced into a client computer, and the client application comprises a program which causes the client computer to provide a function of communicating with the server to obtain the button information from the server.

Brennan et al. fails to teach or suggest a client application at a client computer. While *Brennan et al.* discloses an application at a server that a user may access to customize, *Brennan et al.* fails to disclose a client application at a client computer that comprises a program which causes the client computer to provide a function of communication with the server to obtain button information from the server. As *Brennan et al.* fails to teach or suggest all of the elements as set forth in claim 1, *Brennan et al.* fails to anticipate the present invention.

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It is respectfully submitted that claims 2-21 and 26 are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1 at least based upon their dependency on claim 1.

Similarly, the Examiner relies on [0033], lines 7-22 of *Brennan et al.* to teach activating the client application to communicate with the server to obtain button information therefrom. However, there is no discussion of this claim element in *Brennan et al.* As such, for similar reasons noted above with regard to claim 1, *Brennan et al.* fails to anticipate claim 22.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 23-25 and 27 are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 22 at least based upon their dependency on claim 22.

The Examiner cites numerous secondary references purporting to render dependent claims obvious. However, Applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited secondary references cure the deficiencies of the primary reference, assuming these references are combinable, which Applicant does not admit.

For all of the reasons noted above, Applicant respectfully requests the outstanding rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet, Reg. No. 52,327 at the telephone number of (703) 205-8000. Facsimile communications may be sent to facsimile number (703) 205-8050.
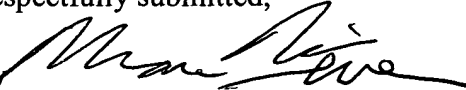
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